



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 5, 2016
Schedule 17**

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2016

SB 587 Senator Madaleno, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OF POWDERED ALCOHOL – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; and providing a penalty of a maximum fine of \$1,000 for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 6-326 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 588 Senator Brochin, et al**CRIMES – MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE – PENALTIES**

Providing that a defendant found guilty of murder in the first degree may be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole only if the defendant was a principal in the first degree or a principal in the second degree who willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation intended the death of the victim, was a major participant in the murder, and was actually present at the time and place of the murder; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-203 and 2-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 589 Senators Gladden and Muse**PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – REPORTING AND LIMITATIONS**

Requiring the Police Training Commission to adopt a set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams in the State; requiring each law enforcement agency to follow the standards; requiring, on or before April 1, 2017, and on or before April 1 of each following year a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to report specified information to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention using a specified format; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-804 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 590 Senators Gladden and Hough**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – SOLITARY CONFINEMENT – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting an inmate in a State or local correctional facility from being placed in specified solitary confinement unless specified conditions are met; requiring a correctional facility to maintain specified documentation and make specified periodic reports to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and requiring the Department to make specified information available on the Department's Web site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 9-614 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 591 Senator King**TAX SALES – CONDOMINIUM ASSESSMENTS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FEES**

Requiring a specified notice of an action to foreclose the right of redemption to be sent to a homeowners association or a condominium association; requiring a plaintiff in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property to be liable for the payment of specified assessments or fees incurred after the date of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption; authorizing a specified action to be filed to collect specified assessments or fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, §§ 14-836(b)(4)(i) and 14-844 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 592 Senator Ramirez, et al**LAWYERS – FEES – PAYMENT BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD**

Requiring the Court of Appeals to allow an applicant to the Bar or a lawyer to use a credit or debit card to pay an examination fee or any other fee required for admission to the bar and any annual fee assessed against a lawyer; and authorizing the Court of Appeals to charge a processing fee for each credit or debit card payment not exceeding the actual cost incurred in processing the credit or debit card payment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, § 10-503 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 593 Senator Raskin, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CONCEIVED WITHOUT CONSENT – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (RAPE SURVIVOR FAMILY PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring a court, under specified circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual found to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child; specifying that a termination of parental rights under the Act terminates completely specified rights of a parent; authorizing the court to approve a supervised visitation arrangement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, §§ 5-1401 through 5-1404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 594 Senator Mathias, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –
MARYLAND SPORTSMANSHIP MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim February as Maryland Sportsmanship Month; and requiring the proclamation to urge the Department of Natural Resources and specified local departments to observe Maryland Sportsmanship Month with specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 7-502 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 595 Senator Rosapepe**EDUCATION – DUAL ENROLLMENT – MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Authorizing students who have completed the fifth grade to be eligible for acceptance at public institutions of higher education for special admission; repealing the requirement that specified students must earn a specified score on a specified test in order for specified public institutions of higher education to accept the student for special admission; and authorizing middle school students to participate in dual enrollment programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 15-101(b), 18-1401(a) and (d), 18-14A-01(a) and (e), 18-14A-04(b), and 24-703.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 596 Senator Middleton**TRANSPORTATION – INSTALLATION OF BRICK SECURITY
MAILBOXES WITHIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to allow the installation of brick and stone security mailbox supports and parcel drop boxes on specified residential streets under specified circumstances; requiring that the brick and stone security mailboxes conform to specified federal guidelines; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 597 **Senator Peters, et al****RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering a specified exemption from recordation and transfer taxes so as to provide that a transfer of a controlling interest in a real property entity is not subject to recordation and transfer taxes if the transfer of the real property owned by the real property entity between the same transferor and transferee of the controlling interest under the same circumstances would have been exempt under specified provisions of law; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 12-117 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 598 **Senators Manno and Madaleno****GENERAL PROVISIONS – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING**

Authorizing the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, under specified circumstances, to issue specified orders and impose specified civil penalties not to exceed \$500; expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that specified individuals complete specified training on the Open Meetings Act within 90 days of becoming an employee, an official, or a member of a public body; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, §§ 3-209 and 3-210 - repealed and §§ 3-211 and 3-213 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 599 **Senator Manno****AELR COMMITTEE – RENAMING AND REGULATORY ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

Renaming the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review to be the Regulatory Oversight Committee; requiring the Division of State Documents to make available to the public direct online searching of specified public comments received by a promulgating unit during a specified comment period; requiring a unit to submit to the Governor a copy of a proposed emergency regulation and a specific description of the grounds requiring the emergency adoption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, EC, EN, GP, LE, NR, PS, SF, and TR - Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 600 **Senator Reilly****FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – USE OF ULTRASOUND IMAGING**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after consultation with representatives of payors, health care practitioners, and freestanding ambulatory care facilities, to establish by regulation specified standards for the use of ultrasound imaging in a freestanding birthing center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-3B-03(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 601 **Senator Peters, et al****HOSPITALS – COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT – DISCLOSURE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Requiring a hospital to include an itemization of the value of all tax exemptions the hospital receives in the hospital's community benefit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-303(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 602 **Senator Conway, et al****MARYLAND HEALTHY VENDING MACHINE ACT**

Requiring 75% of packaged food and beverage options offered in a food and beverage vending machine located on property owned or managed by the State to be healthy food and beverage options; providing that specified packaged food and beverage options may not contain more than a specified amount of trans fat or a specified amount of sodium; requiring healthy food or beverage options to be displayed and stocked in a specified manner; establishing requirements that must be met to be considered a healthy food option; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 21-501 through 21-509 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 603 **Senator Pugh****CRIMINAL LAW – PRETRIAL RELEASE – PRIOR CRIME OF VIOLENCE**

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with a specified crime if the defendant has previously been convicted of a crime of violence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 5-202(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 604 **Senator Pugh****TASK FORCE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING FOR SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS**

Establishing the Task Force on the Distribution of Funding for Senior Citizen Activities Centers; requiring the Task Force to study the existing distribution of funding, the distribution and needs of the an increasingly senior population, and evaluate funding distribution models and options; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations on the needs of senior citizens to the Secretary of Aging, Secretary of Housing and Community Development, and specified members of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Finance

SB 605 Senators Bates and Kagan**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ATHLETIC TRAINERS – EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS – APPROVAL**

Altering the definition of “practice athletic training” to include instruction to tactical athletes regarding the care and prevention of athletic injuries while engaging in tactical athletic activity; granting, except under specified circumstances, immunity from civil liability to a member of the State Board of Physicians for an act or omission relating to the approval of a specified evaluation and treatment protocol; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 14-5D-01 and 14-5D-11 - amended and § 14-5D-11.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 606 Senator Waugh**MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT VETERANS COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission; providing the purpose of the Commission is to work to ensure the education success of returning veterans, facilitate the sharing of best practices among institutions of higher education and work with institutions of higher education to provide specified services to veterans; requiring the Commission to meet at least four times each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-949 through 9-954 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 607 Senator Pinsky, et al**AGRICULTURE – CATTLE, SWINE, AND POULTRY – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS**

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry without a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions; requiring a veterinarian who issues a veterinary feed directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture specified information in a specified manner; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1006 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 608 Senator Guzzone**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – REDEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

Authorizing individuals who meet specified criteria to redeposit specified withdrawn accumulated contributions with the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring individuals who redeposit accumulated contributions to be enrolled in a specified benefit in the Employees' Pension System and receive specified credit for prior service; and requiring specified individuals to complete a specified form provided by the State Retirement and Pension System when redepositing accumulated contributions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 609 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – VANTAGE HOUSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY RENOVATIONS HO. CO. 1–16**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Vantage House Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the facilities at Vantage House Retirement Community, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 610 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – SOUTH BRANCH PARK HO. CO. 3–16**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the South Branch Park, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 611 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HUNTINGTON PARK HO. CO. 4–16**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Huntington Park, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 612 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – SOLOMON’S LODGE #121 HO. CO. 5–16**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$19,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Solomon’s Lodge #121 A.F. & A.M. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Solomon’s Lodge #121 building, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 613 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOOD BANK FACILITY HO. CO. 6–16**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 614 Senator Conway**VETERINARIANS, PHARMACIES, AND PHARMACISTS –
DISPENSING COMPOUNDED PREPARATIONS FOR USE BY
COMPANION ANIMALS**

Providing an exception to a specified prohibition on the practice of veterinary medicine and dispensing specified medication for a specified person who dispenses specified compounded preparations; providing that a specified title does not prohibit a licensed veterinarian from dispensing specified compounded preparations provided by a specified pharmacy under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, § 2-301(b-1) through (b-3) - added and §§ 2-301(b-1) and (f) and 2-313 - amended and HO, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 615 Senator Jennings**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A FIREARM**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully removing or taking a firearm from the possession, custody, or control of a lawful owner without permission; prohibiting a person from receiving, possessing, transferring, buying, or concealing a firearm under specified circumstances; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring a conviction for a violation of the Act to merge for sentencing purposes into a specified conviction for theft under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 7-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 616 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SALE OR LEASE OF NAMING RIGHTS FOR REST AREAS AND WELCOME CENTERS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to sell or lease to a private entity the naming rights for rest areas and welcome centers, as specified; prohibiting the sale or lease of rest area and welcome center naming rights unless the Administration makes specified determinations; requiring the term of a contract for the sale or lease of naming rights to be at least 1 year; providing that a sale or lease of naming rights may not be construed to require that any official State highway sign or mailing address be altered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-208 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 617 **Senators Klausmeier and Salling****TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SALE OR LEASE OF HIGHWAY NAMING RIGHTS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to sell or lease to a private entity the naming rights for all or part of a State highway; prohibiting the sale or lease of highway naming rights unless the Administration makes specified determinations; requiring the term of a contract for the sale or lease of naming rights to be at least 1 year; providing that a sale or lease of naming rights may not be construed to require that any highway sign or mailing address be altered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-604.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 618 Senator Klausmeier, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND MARYLAND WHISTLEBLOWER LAW**

Making specified provisions of law that relate to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and Maryland Whistleblower Law applicable to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College; requiring specified boards of specified public institutions of higher education to adopt specified regulations; requiring that specified personnel actions be made in a specified manner; providing for specified options for specified complaint or grievance procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SP, §§ 5-201, 5-202, 5-204 through 5-209, 5-213, 5-301, 5-303, 5-304, 5-305, 5-307, and 5-309 - amended and § 5-301 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 619 Senator Klausmeier, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES AND PRACTICES**

Altering the employment categories of specified employees of the State Department of Education; requiring that all positions in the Department be appointed positions in the professional service and skilled service as well as the executive service and management service, subject to a specified exception; repealing the authority for special appointment positions in the Department; altering the procedures for appointment, the setting of qualifications, and the transfer of employees of the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, §§ 2-104 and 2-105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 620 Senator Middleton, et al**COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS – CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually the second week in June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and environmental organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Choose Clean Water Foundation, to properly observe Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week with specified events, activities, and programs.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

GP, § 7-601 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 621 Senator Jennings, et al**LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL – LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the liability, for rent under a lease, of a person on active duty with the United States military is limited; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-212.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 622 Senator Pugh, et al**INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 50% of an investment, not to exceed \$50,000 or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity, made in a qualified innovation business; requiring a qualified investor to meet specified requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to specified taxable years after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 623 **Senator Pugh, et al****MARYLAND PAY STUB TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016**

Requiring employers to keep wage records for each pay period for at least 3 years; expanding the types of wage records that employers are required to keep for each pay period; requiring employers to give employees a specified written notice within 1 week after the first date of employment; expanding the information that employers are required to give to employees at the time of hiring and for each pay period; requiring employers to provide employees with an explanation of how wages were calculated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 3-424, 3-427, 3-504, and 3-507.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 624 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL (BWF) LICENSE**

Altering specified provisions of law relating to a wine festival in Calvert County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County to issue a beer and wine festival (BWF) license to specified alcoholic beverages license holders or a specified nonprofit organization; providing for the scope of the beer and wine festival license; requiring the Board to choose not more than 4 weekends each year for the beer and wine festival; providing for a license fee of \$15; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AB, § 14-1304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 625 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT FESTIVAL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT – ATTENDANCE**

Repealing a requirement that an applicant for a special event festival beer, wine, and liquor permit in Calvert County demonstrate a reasonable expectation of attendance of at least 750 customers at the special event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 14-906 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 626 Senator Simonaire**HEALTH – MEDICAL PROCEDURES – ULTRASOUND OPTIONS (FULL MEDICAL DISCLOSURE ACT)**

Requiring physicians, under specified circumstances, to provide a pregnant woman the opportunity to view the active ultrasound image of the embryo or fetus before the performance or inducement of an abortion; and requiring a physician to allow the pregnant woman to view the ultrasound image at no additional charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 20-210 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 627 Senator Middleton**VEHICLE LAWS – DANGEROUS ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW AND ICE – REMOVAL FROM EXPOSED VEHICLE SURFACES**

Prohibiting a person from operating or towing a vehicle without removing from exposed vehicle surfaces accumulated snow and ice; prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the Act that contributes to an accident resulting in property damage or the death of or serious bodily injury to another; establishing specified penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1130 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 628 Senator Hershey**GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES – RECORDED VOTES AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Codifying specified rules that require a standing committee of the General Assembly to deliver to the Department of Legislative Services specified recorded votes before reporting a specified bill or resolution to the floor; requiring a standing committee to deliver specified written testimony to the Department before reporting a specified bill or resolution to the floor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 2-1106 and 2-1250 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 629 Senator Hershey**KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Kent County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that the Director submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CP, § 10-233.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 630 Senator Hershey**COMPTROLLER – DISTILLERY OFF–SITE PERMIT**

Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a distillery off–site permit to a holder of a Class 1 manufacturer’s license for specified purposes under specified circumstances; establishing limitations on the times and locations that permits may be issued in a year; establishing requirements and a \$100 annual fee; authorizing the holder of the permit to provide samples of and sell specified liquor under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, § 2-101(b)(11) and (z) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 631 Senator Hershey**LOCAL FACILITY CLOSURE RESERVE FUNDS – INVESTMENTS AND REINVESTMENTS**

Authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of specified facility closure reserve funds to invest and reinvest money in a specified manner and sell, redeem, or exchange specified investments or reinvestments; requiring the trustees or other officers in charge of the funds to comply with specified fiduciary standards; authorizing a political subdivision or unit of a political subdivision to enter into a specified agreement; altering the definition of “public money” as it relates to local government investment guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, §§ 17-102 and 17-201 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 632 Senator Hershey**UNDERGROUND CONDUIT SYSTEM – RATE MODIFICATION
IMPOSED BY LOCAL JURISDICTION – NOTICE, HEARING, AND
APPEAL**

Requiring a local jurisdiction to publish notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation and hold a public hearing on the necessity of the proposed rate modification for the use of its underground conduit system; authorizing a specified person to appeal to the Public Service Commission the reasonableness of the local jurisdiction's rate modification; requiring the Commission to determine, on appeal, the reasonableness of the local jurisdiction's rate modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 5-107 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 633 Senator Serafini**STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

Establishing the State Employees' Retirement Savings Plan; authorizing specified individuals who are employed by specified participating employers on or after July 1, 2016, to become members of the State Employees' Retirement Savings Plan; requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to administer the State Employees' Retirement Savings Plan; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a specified amount for the Plan; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 2-509.2 and 33-101 through 33-209 - added and §§ 21-505, 23-201, 35-204(c), 35-205, 35-301, and 35-302(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 634 Caroline County Senators**CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE
CONTAINER PERMIT**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class B alcoholic beverages license or a Class H alcoholic beverages license; and requiring an annual permit fee of \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 15-1101 - amended and § 15-1102 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 635 Senator Zirkin**VEHICLE LAWS – FLASHING LIGHTS – COMMUNITY–BASED EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES**

Permitting vehicles operated by specified community watch groups to display red and white flashing lights while the groups are on patrol if authorized by a local law enforcement agency; and providing specified requirements that community watch groups must meet in order to be permitted to display red and white flashing lights while the groups are on patrol.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 22-218(e) and 22-218.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 636 Senator Cassilly**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE – DISCOVERY**

Establishing that a defendant in a claim filed with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office may seek discovery as to the basis of a certificate of a qualified expert filed by the claimant or plaintiff without prejudice to later discovery if the attesting expert is designated as a trial expert; prohibiting a deposition of a defendant health care provider from being required until the claimant has filed and served a specified certificate of a qualified expert; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2A-04(b) and 3-2A-05(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 637 Senator Cassilly**EVIDENCE – ADMISSIBILITY OF DNA PROFILE – DEFINITION AND VALIDATION OF DNA PROFILE**

Altering the definition of “DNA profile” for purposes of provisions of law concerning the admissibility of a DNA profile in a criminal proceeding; providing that a specified statement that analysis of genetic loci has been validated according to specified quality assurance standards of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, rather than other specified standards, is sufficient to admit a DNA profile into evidence; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-915 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 638 Senators Pugh and McFadden**POSSESSION OF LOADED HANDGUN OR REGULATED FIREARM –
ENHANCED PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun loaded with ammunition on or about the person or in a vehicle under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm loaded with ammunition under specified circumstances or if the person is under a specified age; establishing penalties for violations of the Act; requiring the State to comply with the procedures set forth in the Maryland Rules for the indictment and trial of a subsequent offender; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-203(a)(1) and (c) and PS, § 5-133 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 639 Senator Guzzone, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY A PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN
MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Maryland, a program to provide scholarships to pay for tuition and mandatory fees not covered by federal or State financial aid for graduates of public high schools in the State who enroll in community colleges in the State; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 640 Senators Pugh and Nathan–Pulliam**BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOLS – LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2016**

Repealing the role of the Governor in making appointments to, filling vacancies on, removing members from, and selecting the chair of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 3-108.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 641 Senators Hough and Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – BRUNSWICK HERITAGE MUSEUM BUILDING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brunswick for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Brunswick Heritage Museum Building, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 642 Senators Hough and Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – NORTHWEST TREK CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 643 Senator King**STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING – STATE PLUMBING CODE – ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS CODES**

Requiring the State Board of Plumbing to adopt by regulation the International Plumbing Code and the International Fuel Gas Code as the State Plumbing Code on or before July 1, 2017; requiring the Board to adopt a specified version of specified codes within a specified period of time; authorizing the Board to adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt a specified version of specified codes as the State Plumbing Code on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 12-101 and 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 644 Senator King**EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF AUTISM ACT**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to require health care practitioners, when providing a well-child examination at the ages of 18 months and 24 months, to administer a specified screening tool for autism; requiring the Secretary to require a child to be referred for specified services if the child has a positive result on the screening tool; requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the administration of the screening tool; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-2801 and 13-2802 and IN, § 15-817.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 645 Senator King, et al**CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Requiring money in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, beginning in fiscal year 2017, to be allocated in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring a minimum of \$5,000,000 in the Trust Fund be allocated to the Department of Agriculture annually for distribution to soil conservation districts to assist farmers and counties with nonpoint source pollution control projects; establishing the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 8-2A-01, 8-2A-02, and 8-2A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 646 Senator King, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS – ELIGIBLE INTERNSHIPS**

Allowing specified eligible employers a credit against the State income tax, for employing specified interns, which may not exceed \$1,000 for each eligible intern, or 10% of the wages paid to each eligible intern, subject to specified limitations; requiring an eligible employer to enter into a specified agreement with an eligible higher education institution; requiring a specified eligible employer to submit a specified application at a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 647 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****PHYSICIANS – PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PREPARING AND DISPENSING**

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement if the physician complies with specified requirements.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 12-102(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 5, 2016**SJ 4** **Senator Bates, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION – LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL POWER**

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limits the terms of office for officials of the federal government and for the members of the U.S. Congress.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation